

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

Conducting: Jay Sandberg, Chairman – Mr. Sandberg called the DTAC meeting to order from an anchor location with an electronic meeting option over a GoToMeeting connection.

Mr. Sandberg noted that each Committee member attending electronically will be asked if they are present and if they can hear clearly.

In addition, Mr. Sandberg noted that he will take roll again at the end of the meeting wherein the Committee members attending electronically must declare for the record that they participated in the meeting from beginning to end and that they were able to hear and comprehend everything that occurred during the meeting.

Mr. Sandberg conducted the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ANCHOR LOCATION:

- Jay Sandberg, CHAIR, St. George City
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City Public Works Director
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City
- Blake Foncesbeck, Washington City Public Works Director
- Afton Moore, Toquerville City Manager
- Dustin Mouritsen, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Gay, UDOT

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

- None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Todd Edwards, Washington County Engineer
- Leeds Representative

OTHER ATTENDEES:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Nicholas Gayer, Dixie MPO
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Aron Baker, Horrocks Engineers
- Sam Grimshaw, Sunrise Engineering
- Lief Condie, Sunrise Engineering

- Paul Mogle, Washington City
- Chris Hall, UDOT
- Susan Crook, CSU
- Clayton Wilson, Stanley Consultants
- Steven Hollenkamp, Quality Counts
- Jennifer Elsken, FHWA
- Taylor Ricks
- Jason Pitts
- Other attendees were present but did not introduce themselves.

Chairman Sandberg noted that a quorum was present and called for the meeting to continue.

Chairman Sandberg also welcomed visitors who were in attendance.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A. Consider Minutes from December 7, 2022.

Chairman Sandberg noted that no additions or corrections were mentioned and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Cameron Cutler made a motion to approve the minutes. Kyle Gubler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with all Committee members verbally voting in favor of the motion.

2. TIP:

A. Discussion of programmed funds to Project 20105 “Purgatory Road Design” – Mr. Arthur LeBaron gave an update on the Purgatory Road Design project. Mr. LeBaron indicated that the (3) jurisdictions that are involved in this project – Washington City, Washington County, and Hurricane City received word from UDOT that because they don’t have programmed construction funds for this project, they are not allowed to proceed with the expenditure of federal aid dollars.

They don’t plan to abandon the project or give up the federal funding. They have determined that it is very valuable to them and so they are committed to doing what they need to do to keep it moving forward.

The (3) jurisdictions have made the commitment to make a proposal of how they plan to phase this project and fund it with local funds. They are also going to put together a construction funding proposal to MPO which they hope to present a specific plan in approximately 6 weeks.

Jennifer Elsken from FHWA also participated in the discussion regarding the need to follow all the different requirements (specifically NEPA) to be eligible for federal funds.

3. PLANNING:

- A. SS4A Grant – next steps – Nicholas Gayer reported that, as of today, the official announcement has been made that we have been approved for \$1,000,000 based on the SS4A application that we submitted. We have the full \$1,000,000 that we asked for the entirety of Washington County.

We are now waiting for our Utah Division representative from FHWA to reach out so we can progress with the next steps.

A question was asked what the \$1,000,000 pays for. Mr. Gayer stated that it is going to pay for a new Safety Action Plan – which is technically planning money.

This will be for creating a plan that will be developed over the next year and a half.

Additional discussion was held about the implementation plan that we intend to develop with this money which will make it possible for us to apply for additional grants for building projects up to \$50 million (\$50 million as an MPO, \$30 million if the application is not as an MPO). Further information will be provided after we are able to meet with FHWA.

- B. 2023 Master Priority Corridor Preservation Projects List – Myron Lee mentioned that the MPO is required to coordinate with the Washington County Council of Governments in compiling and reviewing the Master Priority Corridor list every year. **The list will be finalized in a COG meeting after the DTEC meeting this month (scheduled for February 21, 2023).**

The Committee members are being asked to review the COG priority list and recommend any edits by Friday this week. Mr. Lee indicated that he has emailed the list out to everyone (as has Todd Edwards).

Todd Edwards would like to have any updates emailed to him **no later than this Friday (February 3, 2023).**

- C. Utah's Conversation on Growth – Myron Lee reported that there is a survey out by Envision Utah, and they are asking for participation. He will send out a link to take the Guiding Our Growth survey.

The initiative is meant to help determine public policy on growth throughout Utah in the very near future. The questions they are asking is what types of policies can we encourage at the city, county and state levels to accommodate the growth that we anticipate in Washington County. Mr. Lee encouraged all

Committee members to take the survey and encourage others they know to participate as well.

[\(https://guidingourgrowth.utah.gov/\)](https://guidingourgrowth.utah.gov/)

- D. Presentation on data visualization tools by Quality Counts – Steven Hollenkamp joined the meeting electronically and discussed their product – Quality Counts. Myron Lee indicated that this presentation has been given before, but Mr. Lee determined that this tool gives some really valuable information for city engineers, etc., more so than for the MPO. Mr. Lee will provide Mr. Hollenkamp’s contact information if any of the Committee members would like to contact Quality Counts on their own.

shollenkamp@qualitycounts.net) is the contact information for Steven Hollenkamp of Quality Counts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

A Roll Call Vote was not completed because there was not a voting member attending the meeting electronically.

4. LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

- A. Hurricane – The 2800 W project is almost ready to pave. Hurricane city has also awarded a contract for a roadway connector project that connects State Street to 600 N on the 700 W corridor. The intersection of 100 N and 700 W will be changing from a conventional intersection to a roundabout.
- B. Ivins – They are holding an open house for highway 91 tonight with a scheduled start time for the project sometime next week.
- C. LaVerkin – They are in the middle of their road project which is a little behind schedule because of the weather. With the delays, the project should still be finished in April or May. They are in the middle of a developmental study with UDOT on the corridor SR9 and SR17, and they are starting the crack seal for their road maintenance.
- D. Leeds – No report this meeting
- E. St. George City – Finishing up the crack seal projects. Finishing up the Red Cliffs and Mall Drive reconfiguration. Dixie Drive is still under construction. The Design contracts are pretty much in place on George Washington Boulevard, extension and the bridge itself. They will be doing some road maintenance as soon as the weather warms up. Still working on 3000 E – getting ready to advertise the next phase.
- F. Santa Clara – Started reconstruction on Vineyard Drive which will include curb, gutter, sidewalk, and drainage along with 35 feet of asphalt.
- G. Toquerville – We have the Anderson Junction project, working with the Water District who is doing their Ash Creek pipeline – and we’re looking at doing some widening at the same time to add a few feet on each side. We are waiting on the

funding for the Toquerville Parkway project so that we can finish bid package B and get it awarded and out. Westfield road is under construction, and we are going to be doing crack seal city wide.

- H. Washington City – The 3650-parkway project should be starting around the 15th. We are working on designing some safety improvements to Buena Vista Dr on the west side (west of Green Spring Dr). These improvements would include widening it where it narrows down to 3 lanes so it can be five lanes all the way to the intersection. Will also be doing some improvements on the northwest corner of Green Springs and Buena Vista.
- I. Washington County – No report at this meeting.
- J. UDOT – Bid opening on Sunset Boulevard and SR8 rehab project next week. The bid opening on the I-15 milepost 10 to 13 and interchange 11 is tomorrow. I-15 exit 6 to 8 – the EA should be wrapping up around June of this year. Right now we are currently funded for the widening of I-15 so we are planning to do the design of that in July. The Quail Creek turn lanes project will have a kick-off meeting next week. The SR7 Active Transportation path project was going to be a UDOT plan, but it is now leaning toward more of a local government driven plan. There will be a meeting to determine who that is and just how that approach goes. The SR18 ledges to Diamond Valley and Veyo to milepost 30 should begin construction in March of this year. The Foremaster Drive culvert project is still being worked on.

- 5. Upcoming Meetings / Deadlines:
 - A. February 7, 2023 – Transportation Expo
 - B. February 21, 2023 – DTEC Meeting
 - C. March 1, 2023 – DTAC Meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.